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## **JPS School-Based Health Clinics**

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Dear Colleague:

As Congress discusses health care reform proposals, we would like to draw your attention to a program operated by JPS Health Network in Tarrant County, Texas. We believe this issue is so important that we have come together to share this information that is critical to America's children.

JPS Health Network serves as the public hospital in Tarrant County and includes many community health clinics and school based health centers. JPS provides a valuable service to our Tarrant County school-aged children through their school based health centers. School based health centers like these have proven that effective preventive and primary care for medically underserved children can decrease academic failure rates resulting from poor health.

JPS has partnered with several school districts throughout Tarrant County to offer parents an entry point for their children into primary care services not readily available in the community. The centers are a unique opportunity for parents and have led to healthier students, families and school campuses.

**To learn more about their success, we ask that you take just two minutes to read the message below and click on the video link.** You may also visit the official Web site of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care at [www.nasbhc.org](http://www.nasbhc.org) to learn more about the school based health care model throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joe Barton  
Member of Congress

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Michael Burgess  
Member of Congress

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Kay Granger  
Member of Congress